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Chilton's Corner

LUTHERAN EVANGELISTIC MOVEMENT

Evangelicals everywhere have at cause to lift up their hearts praise to God as they observe e great evangelistic movement ich has sprung up in the Luth- an Church.

Like Elijah of old, there are es when we are tempted tc that we belong to a dwindling cause, and one that is headed ard certain extinction, until him, we exclaim, "I only am alone." We are inclined tc get that God has always had "seven thousand who have bowed the knee to Baal."

For those who fear that evan- listic fervour is a thing of the t, this record of the Lutheran angelistic movement will prove nic. We quote in part:

"In January of 1937, a group of eran pastors and evangelists ed together to form the Luth- Inter-synodical Evangelistic ation. Behind the formation subsequent activity of the there lay an intense [illegible] the Holy Spirit [illegible] power among Lutherans —convicting of sin, direct- men to Christ, and empower- for service. As time and op- unity permitted, the Evan- listic Committee undertook tc ner evangelistic, spiritual , and missionary conferences various places to further the of evangelism and to en- age and strengthen God's ple in the faith.

"During these years God has bringing together into a ge, free fellowship those whc had a like interest in effec- , widespread, Biblical evan- m. The breath of vision and scope of activity which have ulted have developed into a spontaneous movement hin our Lutheran Church.

"The leading of God has been evident in this growing vement. Believing that such a vement in this dark hour may an effective instrument in the d of God for the salvation of is and for the building up of Body of Christ, the Evangel- Committee has been led tc pt a new name, 'Lutheran angelistic Movement,' and tc arge its function so as to em- ce the wider fellowship of the ole movement."

n doctrine, this movement is hored upon the Word of God. aims also are those we asso- with a Bible-loving and it-anointed people, while its gram cannot fail to issue in ave of revival throughout the

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0 Conversions In Los Angeles Campaign

OS ANGELES, Calif., March — Evangelist Hyman Appel- recently concluded a success- 18 days compaign in this city. vices were held in the Roose- High School Auditorium, in Los Angeles. Over 600 actual versions took place. The meet- were sponsored by a number local Los Angeles Churches. ing was led by Evarett Mills.

Dr. H. A. Ironside, Pastor Of Moody Church Marks 15th Year

The 15th anniversary of Dr. H. A. Ironside as the pastor of the Moody Church is not just another milestone; it is a manifestation of what God can do through lives wholly yielded to the Holy Spirit. By the time this issue is out this anniversary will be passed. However, March the 11th marks the 15th year of this pastorate, a ministry that has been conspicuous for the character of its preaching, the greatness of its purpose, and the evidence of its power. The key is found in the preaching of the Word, the passion for souls, and a program initiated and executed in the energy and power of the Holy Spirit.

To so many of us, Dr. Harry Ironside is known only through his writings, but to read these is to know the man. The clarity and spiritual depth of his expositions reveal a heart that is sat-

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Dr. H. A. Ironside

National Evangelical Week To Be Observed

April 15 to 22 Selected Dates

BOSTON, Mass., March 12—A call is being sent out to 12,000 member churches and others who are cooperating in N.A.E. to observe National Evangelical Week April 15 to 22.

The suggested procedure for all churches interested in the extension of the work as follows:

On the opening Sunday of the period all congregations will be supplied with literature furnished by the national office. A special edition of "United Evangelical Action" is being issued for the occasion and an attractive leaflet will also be available. Pastors desiring this material are invited to let us know how much they will require in order that each family in attendance may be supplied.

Sermons on the subject of Christian unity and the need of cooperation among all believers will feature the entire period. In many localities special union services will be held during the week.

On Sunday, April 22, a special [illegible] churches throughout the nation for the maintenance of N.A.E. during the year. Offering envelopes for distribution in the churches will be supplied on request.

It is expected that this will become an annual event. There is hope that a large portion of the budget may be raised at this time so that other appeals for the support of the work will be unnecessary.

Mr. Robert H. Kelley of Boston, Mass., an able executive devoted to the gospel, is directing the work. It has been necessary to add to our office staff to carry out the project, which involves sending many thousands of letters and packages of material to the participating churches.

Do the members of your church know the National Association of Evangelicals? See that every one of them has information during National Evangelical Week, April 15–22.

New Hampshire N.A.E. Meets In Rochester, N. H.

ROCHESTER, N. H., March 9—The conference held in Rochester, N. H., brought with it a practical and purposeful atmosphere. It was marked by a strong desire to get down to business for the Lord. It is this spirit which is manifested in our N. A. E. conferences in other places and which gives promise of victory for this vital and ever-growing cause.

The Rev. Ivar Sellevaag has proved himself an active and efficient chairman of this conference, and because of his invaluable services to this effort the brethren pressed him to continue in office for another year.

The conference met at the Advent Christian Church situated on Heaton street, in Rochester, its pastor being the Rev. Ariel Ainsworth.

A varied and interesting program was presented. The conference was opened by a devotional message by the Rev. Roy I. Bohanan of East Rochester. Following this, a period was devoted to "Information and Discussion regarding Fields of Endeavor." The Rev. Richard Sweetzer spoke on the subject of "Reaching the Children and Young People," while the Rev. Milton Baker of Somersworth, N. H., spoke on "Reaching the Adults of New Hampshire." Much interest was manifested in the address given by the Rev. Buell W. Maxfield, Dover, N. H., when he spoke on "National and Local Organizations of the N. A. E."

A business session was called at 4 o'clock, followed by a period for refreshments.

The evening service was all that could be desired. After the song service, the Rev. Ivar Sellevaag of Portsmouth, N. H., set forth the nature and aims of the N. A. E. The closing speaker of the conference was the Rev. Leonard E. Smith, of Laconia, N. H.

Baltimore Scene of One-Day Rally

BALTIMORE, Md., March 12—The Maryland Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals, held the second Rally of their forces, Friday, February 23rd in the Hampden Baptist Church of which Benjamin F. Richards is the beloved Pastor. The meeting was called as an Evangelistic Conference. The speakers, Dr. John W. Bradbury and the Rev. Melville G. Hatcher, brought inspiring leadership with messages that rang true to the historic position of Evangelical Christianity. The Holy Spirit was present with great convincing

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21 Apt. Bldg. To Be Named Koller Hall

CHICAGO, Ill., March 8—Singling out the beginning of Dr. Charles W. Koller's eighth year as president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, the seminary trustees on Friday night, March 2, at the annual dinner meeting of trustees, faculty and wives, announced that the recently acquired 21-apartment building will bear the name Koller Hall.

After recounting the Seminary's advances during the past seven years, C. J. Howel, chairman of the finance committee, made the surprise dinner announcement. The spirited session, held in the Tropical Room of the Hotel Continental and presided over by board chairman Walter W. Grosser, brought from President Koller an appreciative reply, coupled with the note that "Northern's growth is not the work of one man, nor even of a group of men, but rather the work of God in our midst."

Permit To Hold Convention Granted

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, March 15 — Word has just been received from Mr. Frank Perrin, Secretary of the War Committee on Conventions, that the Committee has granted a permit to hold the annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Chicago. The delegates will be limited to 122, and the Committee earnestly requests cooperation in doing everything possible to minimize attendance at the meeting.

Further announcement of the Conferences and Convention will appear in the April 1 issue of "United Evangelical Action."

Let's all put our shoulder to the wheel and observe National Evangelical Week, April 15 to 22.

Warehouse And Processing Plant In New York Secured By War Relief Commission

Program Of Mercy Starts In Belgium

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 6—Announcement can now be made that the first shipment of clothing for the destitute of Europe under N.A.E.'s Commission for War Relief was made last week. The shipment consisted of 75,000 pounds of goods collected and baled in our receiving depot. The goods went to Antwerp, where they are to be transferred to trucks and delivered without carriage charges to our approved committee for distribution in that country, the old faithful Belgian Gospel Mission. They will not be touched or distributed by any other agency. This relief will be part of the first shipment to be received into Belgium. By it, over 1500 people will be warmly clothed, and the way for our missionaries will be paved after the war.

Mr. Lombor states that another shipment will be sent on the next boat. Our committees are advised that clothing which is held in local storage may now be forwarded to War Relief Commission, N.A.E., [illegible] New York 19, N. Y. These shipments should be sent to Mr. Frank D. Lombar, 2124 Lincoln-Liberty Building, Philadelphia with charges prepaid, and no shipment of more than 500 pounds should be made without first writing to the office of our commission and making sure that there is room to receive it. Facilities are still somewhat limited although additional space is being sought.

Correspondence should be addressed

Address correspondence to Mr. Frank D. Lombar, 2124 Lincoln-Liberty Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Lombar has recently toured the Midwest, visiting our constituents and committees in an effort to secure the essential capital to carry on the work effectively. About $10,000 additional is needed immediately.

Work Done By Volunteers

The sorting, fumigating, and baling are being done by volunteers and we are happy to report that the cost is being kept down to about 50% of the average cost of other agencies which are doing similar work.

Mr. Lombar expresses the hope that our many committees may exert every effort to gather clothing, soap and thread, the three most called for items, during the next few weeks. It is also hoped

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NOTICE

Radio Editorial
Reprinted by request

So numerous were the requests for the February 15th issue of the UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION containing the editorial of Dr. J. Elwin Wright writing under the caption "Are the Networks Giving the Gospel Fair Deal?" we are reprinting it in this issue for the thousands who requested it. Pastors and laymen are urged to use their copy to the best advantage in order that the air waves of America may be kept open for the preaching of the everlasting Gospel.

Mid West College Conducts Christian Workers School

WHEATON, Ill., March 13—Wheaton College is this year offering a Christian Workers Institute to be held in conjunction with the regular college Inter-Session, June 12-22, under the leadership of President V. Raymond Edman. The campus is offering its facilities for Christian workers who want and need a brief contact with academic life.

Classroom sessions will meet in the morning and two hours of credit may be earned for the work taken. Dr. Alexander Grigolia will teach a course in Scientific Apologetics, giving careful consideration to the evolutionary and Christian viewpoints. Current Theological Problems will be offered by Dr. Henry C. Theissen, and Dr. Merrill C. Tenney will teach a class in Galatians, emphasizing methods of Bible study in connection with interpretation. The nature and needs of the teen age will be discussed in Christian Education of Youth, taught by Dr. Rebecca R. Price. Courses in recent history and in speech are also being offered.

During the afternoons outstanding Christian leaders will participate in a series of "work shops," dealing with such problems as evangelism, missions, young people's work, and pastoral problems. No tuition will be charged to Christian workers enrolled in the Institute. Further information may be obtained from the Director of Summer School.

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power as the Word was held forth by these two faithful servants of the Cross. Jesus was exalted, God was honored and truly, "Heaven came down our souls to bless."

The work of the National Association of Evangelicals is directed by a local Executive Committee consisting of Mr. G. H. Gundersdorf, Rev. Alexander Clattenburg, Rev. Chas. E. Kirsch, Rev. T. Roland Phillips. The Rev. Earl Hoxter, Pastor of the Fort Avenue Methodist Church is Cor. Secretary and Rev. Parke H. Heller, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dundalk is President. This Committee is planning another Rally immediately after Easter, and another the latter part of May which will be the Annual Meeting for complete organization of the State and election of officers for the ensuing year. They are also planning for two rallies in the state, one in the western part, and one on the Eastern Shore.

The Maryland Association of Evangelicals is greatly encouraged by the progress made thus far. More than one hundred ministers have either joined actively or have signified a deep interest in the N.A.E. The Committee is deeply grateful for the aid and cooperation of the Boston Headquarters of the N.A.E. At the first Rally Dr. J. Elwin Wright and Dr. Clyde Taylor, brought splendid messages and gave the work a good start. This last meeting with the inspiration of Dr. Bradbury and the Rev. Melville Hatcher gaveincreased impetus to the work. We look with expectation and assurance to the future of N.A.E. in Maryland. The finest example of the Unity of the Spirit is evidenced at all meetings of the Baltimore Brethren who are working on the Maryland front for the National Association of Evangelicals.

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urated with the Bible and a life that is swayed by its divine precepts.

Such has been the blessing of God upon this great ministry that in less than 14 years Dr. Ironside has been able to retire a building debt of $375,000 on the million-dollar edifice. In addition to this he has been responsible for maintaining a $80,000 annual missionary budget to support church missionaries, 108 of whom work in foreign lands.

Perhaps by the time this reaches the press and the reading public we shall be getting reports concerning the special meetings that were arranged in his honor. Consistent with the emphasis which this servant of Christ has ever brought, we are informed that these anniversary services began with a prayer and testimony period. The Moody Church is still the scene of prayer and testimony because it is still the center of "the everlasting Gospel" proclaimed in the liberty and power of the Holy Ghost.

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length and breath of this great denomination.

"A perusal of its program will give food for thought for all evangelical Christians who are seeking an answer in terms of an effective and efficient approach to the challenge of the hour. This program is not only founded upon the Scriptures, but it is also geared to the times. In addition to evangelistic campaigns and the sponsoring of Bible conferences, we find here, the publication and distribution of Christian literature, the establishing of book stores, radio evangelism, the training of Christian workers, the sending forth of missionaries and the publication of a magazine "to voice the vision, life, and development of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement."

In Organization, this effort comes as a free spontaneous movement of spiritual life within the Church, and in consequence is simple yet sufficient. The machinery being reduced to a minimum, man-made noises do not shut out the voice of the Spirit nor do human plans come into conflict with the divine purpose that is everywhere manifest in its workings.

We congratulate our Lutheran friends in the progress of this great movement and unite with them in praying God's richest blessing upon this divinely conceived and far-reaching program.

Western N.Y. N.A.E. Assist In Special Meeting

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 15—In connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary services of Churchill Tabernacle, Buffalo, N. Y., this Holy Week the executive group of the W. N. Y. Conference of N.A.E. voted unanimously to urge its constituency to support particularly the Good Friday services there, from 12:00 until 3:00 and at 7:45 P. M. At both of these services it is announced that the principal speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier, of the Lutheran Hour. Members of the Western New York Conference of N.A.E. are also having part in the three hour service.

At this time the Churchill Tabernacle is raising the sum of $94,000 to retire the existing mortgage on the property at 1620 Main Street, where a great radio and evangelistic ministry goes on with great effectiveness every day of every year.

Youth For Christ In Tacoma, Wash.

TACOMA, Wash., March 13 — Tacoma's "Youth For Christ" rally will get under way on Saturday night, April 7th with Rev. Frank F. Warren, D. D., president of Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington as speaker. The "Choir of the West" a capella choir from Pacific Lutheran College in Tacoma, Wash., will present a special choral program. The young men's quartet from Seattle Pacific College will also have part in the program.

The local rally is sponsored by all of the major protestant churches of the city and is headed by Rev. Carroll L. Shuster, Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, chairman. Others on the central committee are as follows: Rev. Virgin Savage, Rev. Earl Jensen, and Rev. Earl [illegible].

The local organization of the National Association of Evangelicals has endorsed the program and is supporting the rally with all of their enthusiasm.

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that many other committies may be formed.

Need beyond imagination

It is impossible to describe the conditions of destitution under which the people of these war ravaged areas are existing. The need is immediate and urgent.

We rejoice that those receiving clothing under our auspices will also receive with it the comfort of the Gospel, brought by those who know and love our Lord and who have a deep compassion for the sufferers to whom they will minister.

Let's all put our shoulder to the wheel and observe National Evangelical Week, April 15 to 22.

Christ For America To Conduct 24 City-Wide Rallie

PHILADELPHIA, PENNA., March 15 — Plans have been completed for a series of mammoth youth rallies beginning March 18 at Warren, Ohio according to announcement just released by Horace F. Dean, President of CHRIST FOR AMERICA.

Headlining these rallies will be Gil Dodds, world champion indoor miler and the holder of the Sullivan Award. Along with Dodds will travel Al Zahlout, violinist, known from coast to coast through association with Percy Crawford and the weekly Mutual broadcast of the Young People's Church of the Air. At the piano will be Verna Zahlout, the wife of Al who was born and raised on the plains of Kansas and is considered to be one of the finest pianists in Christian circles. Mr. Dean will travel with the team and preside at most of the rallies which will be held in large civic auditoriums, high schools and halls.

At each city, strong leadership has planned for an all-out effort to reach the youth and in numerous places the rally will be the opening meeting of a continuous Youth for Christ program. The radio will be extensively employed and on several occasions Gil Dodds will be interviewed by the local sports announcer at the time of the regular sportscast program. A dozen or more spe ial High School assembly pr grams have also been arra so that the team will have opportunity to speak to th ands of young people right in the assembly halls of the scho

The day by day schedule of these rallies is as follows:

Date		City
March	18	Warren, Ohio
"	19	Youngstown, Ohi
"	20	Toledo, Ohio
"	21	DuBois, Pa.
"	23	Morrestown, N. J.
"	24	Trenton, N. J.
"	25	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	26	Shinnston, W. Va.
"	27	Grafton, W. Va.
"	28	Mannington, W. V
"	29	Monongah, W. Va.
"	30	Clarkesburg, W. V
"	31	Fairmont, W. Va.

Date		CITY
April	1	Morgantown, W. V
"	3	Huntington, W. V
"	4	Charleston, W. V
"	5	Lexington, Ky.
"	6	Portsmouth, Ohio
"	7	Cincinnati, Ohio
"	8	Richmond, Va.
"	10	St. Catharines, O
"	11	Galt, Ontario
"	12	Stratford, Ontario
"	13	Peterborough, Ont
"	14	Hamilton, Ontario

The leaders of CHRIST AMERICA earnestly request prayers of God's People in beh of this gigantic soul minning c sade.

Indianapolis Committee Sponsors 4-Day Conferenc

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 6— A very successful conference under the title "Evangelical Christian Institute" was held in this city February 27 to March 2 under the sponsorship of the Indianapolis district of N.A.E.

The day sessions were held in the beautiful World War Memorial Auditorium. In the evening the services were at Meridian Street Methodist Church.

Rev. Bennie T. Morgan, the district chairman, brought the opening address. Guest spea included Dr. Harry E. J president of Chicago Evang Institute; Bishop L. R. Ma president of N.A.E.; Dr. L. Stuart, president of T University; Dr. A. S. London, day School expert, Church of Nazarene; Rev. L. C. Hunt, intendent of Wheeler Mi Judge Mark Rhoads, Judge of dianapolis Juvenile Court, Chaplain Donohue. The at dance was splendid throu the series.

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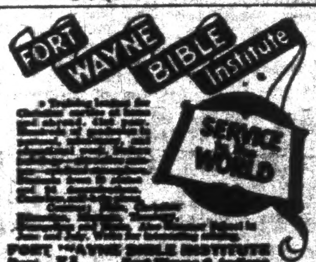

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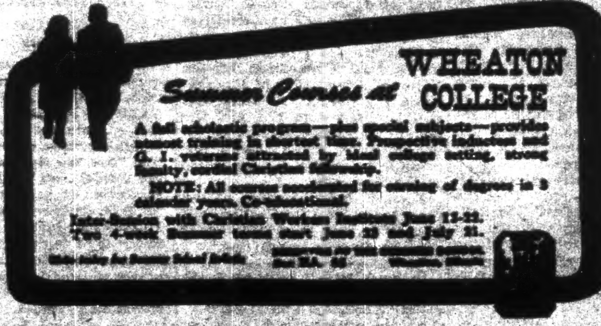

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6000 At Minneapolis Rally

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March —After four months of carrying n the Minneapolis Youth for hrist Sing-spiration at the First aptist Church Auditorium of inneapolis, we dared to launch to the Minneapolis Municipal uditorium with an expanded

George M. Wilson

rogram. The first rally was held 21st in the great auditorium hich seats 10,000. Some 7,000 e present on that first occa- n. Interest has grown at each ceeding rally which meets ry other Sat. night, and has 30-minute broadcast over a lo- l station WLOL.

Oct. 21 it was a privilege to ve two outstanding Christian ymen lead in the program. After great chorus and hymn-sing led Jim Colville of New York City d the opening prayer by Mr A. Quick of Moline, Ill., sev- l testimonies were given by vice men and Duncan McRob- , recently returned missionary China. The program was at a high level and after eral special numbers from the Jubilee Singers, R. G. Tourneau gave a real testi- y of what Christ means in his . A straight out invitation was n and some 50 to 60 young ple came forward to accept ist as Savior, among them vice men, boys and girls, and umber of adults. One young about 18 years of age came reached out his hand to LeTourneau's outstretched and the two of them with in their eyes stood arm in then knelt at the foot . Mr. LeTourneau led young man to a saving . It was a real blessing to hand of God move upon Sat. night rallies held in Municipal Auditorium every Sat. night.

have been crowds at rally of six to eight thou- . The spirit of enthusiasm is easing as the word is going over the Northwest of the th for Christ Rallies. Delega- s are driving in from many the smaller towns. Minnehaha demy of 230 students march a body to a reserved section.

everly Shea, Phil Foxwell, rge Edstrom, Dr. Harry Rim- , Dr. Paul Rood, Dr. Archer derson, Howard and Clarence es, Winifred Larson, Lance ham, Dr. Louis Talbot, Mr. G. LeTourneau, Jim Colville, F. hon Booth, Dr. C. Gordon nville, Merv. Rosell, Paul Hutchens, Vincent Brushwyler Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, the Eureka Jubilee Singers, and Bob Pierce have been among the great many who have been speakers and musicians that have helped keep the proper spiritual emphasis as well as keep the program on a high level.

The Lord has blessed and used the Minneapolis Youth for Christ to the saving of scores and scores of precious souls. Each week there are those who have been in attendance who take away the program on which there is always a decision card attached and return them to the Youth for Christ headquarters.

January 1st, New Year's Day a great Swedish Smorgasbord was held in the basement of the Municipal Auditorium. 1,500 gathered at this time of fellowship and inspiration which was followed by another Youth for Christ Rally held in the main auditorium.

Report Of NAE Rally At Prospect Ave. Baptist Church

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 5—The Western New York Association of NAE held its March rally at the Prospect Avenue Baptist Church Buffalo, the afternoon and evening of March 1. Rev. Walter Vail Watson, pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, was in the chair at all sessions. Dr Wright was present and spoke of the progress being made by NAE in the fields of radio, missions, war relief, industrial chaplaincies, aiding in the placing of Bible-believing chaplains in the services, the area of evangelism, and reported favorable consideration of the efforts of the Association to assure summer conferences this year. After a presentation in which he was given the closest attention by a good-sized group of ministers, there was a period of questions lasting about an hour. Mr. Watson and Mr Mekeel also participated in this time of answering questions. The question hour was followed by a period of prayer-fellowship in which the participation was very general and which resulted in many expressions of appreciation at the way in which this informational session was concluded.

The ladies of Prospect Church served a delicious supper to over 180 people, after which the audience again convened in the auditorium for a period of worship. Dr. Wright again spoke in the interest of enrollment in NAE and showed how individuals and individual churches could come into the organization. The inspirational message of the evening was delivered by the Rev. Howard S Mekeel, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, N. Y. In this address, which was unusually well received, not only by those within the NAE, but also by those who had come to learn more about its program, Mr Mekeel said several things which are of value to anyone seeking to know just what is in the mind of those in charge. Speaking from Zechariah 4:6 he reminded his audience that NAE could succeed only as it was led of the Holy Spirit in all things. In closing he said of the movement that it (1) offers all Bible-believing Christians a corporate fellowship, (2) is led by men with strong convictions, devoid of any inclusive spirit, (3) is in no sense an exclusive movement, but one into which all could come who loved the Book and the Christ of the Book, and lastly (4) that it has deep and abiding emphasis upon a spiritual relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the day sessions music was in charge of the Rev. C. Donald Dibble, pastor of the First United Brethren Church of Buffalo, with Mrs. Elias Goehle at the piano. Music at the evening service was furnished by Miss Jean Clausius of the Churchill Tabernacle, the Rev. Charles Wilson, pastor of the Connecticut St. Christian and Missionary Alliance, and Mr Dibble. About 250 attended at some of the sessions of this most successful rally yet put on by the Western New York Conference of NAE.

Prayer Offered For Waldensian Church

NEW YORK, March 6 (RNS)—A service of intercession for the Waldensian Church in Italy, the oldest Protestant church in the world, will be held at the First Presbyterian Church here on March 18, under the auspices of the American Waldensian Aid Society. The principal speaker will be Dr. J. V. Moldenhawer.

Food, clothing, and money, urgently needed by the Waldensians in Italy, are being solicited by the Society, and will be received at the service.

Spokane Launches "Youth For Christ"

SPOKANE, Wash., March 14—Youth for Christ rallies have now begun in Spokane, on a semi-weekly basis. Clay Cooper leads the meetings, which are held at the Masonic Temple.

Officers recently elected were the following: President, Rev. Everett E. Backlin; Vice-President Rev. E. Deibler; Secretary, Rev. Roy Haskell; Treasurer, Mr. L. Swift; Chairman of Evangelism Clay Cooper; Program, Charles Tally; Membership, E. Deibler; Publicity, Rev. G. Knautz; and Baptist Service Center, R. Garber.

National Evangelical Week

The work of N.A.E. has progressed to the point where we may view with satisfaction and rejoicing the accomplishments of the past two years since the organization was launched in Chicago.

It is fitting that there should be a nation-wide observance of National Evangelical Week in order that simultaneously in all areas the gospel-loving folk of the nation shall be made aware of the purposes and program which are so vitally affecting the churches.

If we pray, work and give together during this week, the movement will be greatly strengthened. Let everyone stand in his place and be prepared to help according to his ability!

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3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

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Seek Ye First

This war, like the last war, has brought into play given words, and these have become conspicuous in our vocabulary. No word has taken a greater place, these past months, than the word "Priority." It has been hurled at us over the radio. It has been flung at us by the Government. It meets us in the stores, and its walks by our side in the common way of life. Try as we will, we cannot dismiss it from our thinking. Not pleasure, but priority is the language of warfare. The war effort is first, and personal wishes second.

It was when the Master himself thought in terms of spiritual warfare that He said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Progress comes only by way of priorities. In the life of the Christian, the "first" of the kingdom is a law of the fighting.

True living, and successful living is always a matter of right emphasis. This law is demonstrated in all spheres of life. The character of life is the character of emphasis, and the character of emphasis is the character of life. The first things of life are the things that rule and reign. They are always the things that sit upon the throne. If the emphasis is false, then life in all its workings, and in all its relationships will be false. Our prayer-life will be false; our standards will be false; our ideals will be false; our motives will be false; our attitude in life will be false. It means that the compass of life is not adjusted to the stars. When the compass of the heart is not adjusted to heaven's law, life is sure to end upon the rocks.

It is strange but true that God gives to every man the right of this alternative. We may put first things first, or we may put first things second. Even in the exercise of prayer, we may begin with, "Thy kingdom come," or we can plead as our first desire: "Give us this day our daily bread." In many instances, it is the latter, and the tragic sequel is this: "We have not—because we ask amiss, that we may consume it upon our lusts."

The course of Evangelical Action must be determined by this law of priority. Not alone a fine program, but a first emphasis must be the measure of success and the key to the future. Like David Livingstone, we shall know nothing but victory as, "Together We March," if, like him, we can say, as units of this united army: "I place no value upon anything I may have or hold except in its relationship to the kingdom of God."

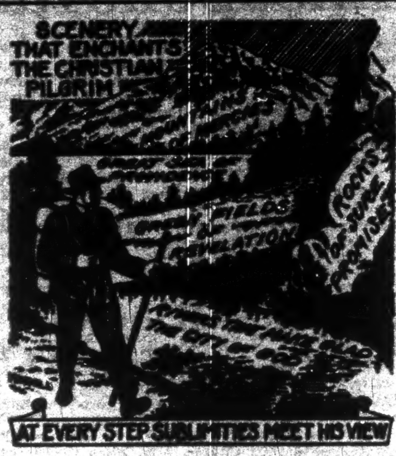
The priority of life is bound up with the allegiance of life. No man can serve two masters without becoming a traitor. The first of life always indicates the treasure of life. The first of life is the god of life. The first things are the things we reverence; they are the things that govern the heart. In the priority of life, it is either the kingdom of this world or the kingdom of God.

To put the kingdom of God first in life means that God will be first in the common life. Washing dishes, mending socks, sweeping floors, selling real estate, banking, building, cleaning windows, painting and papering, practicing medicine, cooking, tailoring, soldiering, singing or preaching or sailing the high seas, must all be performed with God's kingdom in view. The only justification for the activities of life must be found in their contribution to the reign of Christ. After all, "hastening," and not "hastening unto" is the force of Peter's words. "Expecting and hastening the day of God." Have we caught the emphasis? Have we found the priority?

"Let all who look for hasten
The coming joyful day,
By earnest consecration
To walk the narrow way."

C. G. E. CHILTON

Something To Think About


SCENERY THAT ENCHANTS THE CHRISTIAN PILGRIM
GREEN FIELDS OF REVELATION
ROCKS OF SURE PROMISES
AT EVERY STEP SUBLIMITIES MEET HIS VIEW

Danger And Opportunity

It does not take a prophet to predict that this year will witness many changes which will vitally affect the welfare of all the people of the world. Recent international events leading up to and including World War II, have impressed upon the nations with which our own is allied in this warfare, the fact that evil is still very real and that a nation which officially rebels against God is dangerous to civilization. It seems most important that Christians should be awake and alert to the fact that the only real solution for the problems of our world is the solution which takes into account the real cause of the present debacle. This cause is laid bare in the Psalmist's answer to his own question, "Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing?" Answer, "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying "Let us break their bands assunder, and cast away their cords from us" (Psalms 2:1,2). Rebellion against God, His reign and His revealed will, including rejection of the Bible as His word and of His Son as the Savior, is at the bottom of all the world's unrest and distress.

Unfortunately, this spirit of rebellion and rejection is not confined to the unbelieving, non-Christian nations. It is all too prevalent in so-called Christian nations like our own and many professing Christians are infected with this same spirit. Rejection of the revealed will of God is essentially the spirit of modernism. In the coming year the lines of conflict between the believers and unbelievers will be more closely drawn than ever. Let us who form the National Association of Evangelicals face the crisis which is upon us with confidence in "God which always causes us to triumph in Christ."

A friend who was familiar with the Chinese language told me that the Chinese character for "crisis" was a combination of two characters, one meaning "danger" and the other meaning "opportunity". May this critical year of 1945 be one in which the National Association of Evangelicals may be used of the Lord to lead the way for the true evangelicals not only to sense danger in present world conditions, but also to apprehend the greatest of all possible opportunities to carry out the commission of our Christ: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel unto all creatures, making disciples from among all nations."

R. L. DECKER.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, February 1	$ 6.90
Receipts	5,288.55
	5,295.45
Disbursements	5,174.38
Balance, February 28	$ 121.07
1944 N.A.E. Budget	$75,000.00
Received during first eleven months	44,139.00
Balance needed	$30,861.00

All friends who are interested in this great movement for United Action among Evangelicals are urged to take the financial needs of the work on their hearts, praying and giving as the Lord directs.

Roving Reporter

The Hospitality House for
ice men in Minneapolis is
the most conspicuously
enterprises of its kind
country. Over 10,000 servic
were its guests last month
were entertained over night
than 800 decisions for Christ
recorded the first year. Plan
in the making to transfer
service center into a youth
after the war. Mr. George E.
land is the energetic
director. The work is spon
the Christian Business
Committee, of which Mr. C.
Skonse is the chairman.

It was our privilege to visit
Publishing House of the A
blies of God in Springfield,
recently. They are using
than a carload of paper a
for their various publica
The "Pentecostal Evangel"
paid circulation of 116,000.

About forty Kansas City
are now active in the local N.A.
committee. Several imp
projects are under consid
for the coming year. A w
luncheon for fellowship has
inaugurated, and a rally is
uled in the near future with
William Ward Ayer as
speaker.

The recent one-day rally of
Western New York N.A.E. at
Prospect Avenue Baptist C
in Buffalo, N. Y., was a time
rich blessing. The high spots
the leadership of the chair
Dr. Walter Vail Watson, the
warming prayer service
concluded the afternoon
and the inspiring message
sage of Dr. Herbert S. Mekel,
the First Presbyterian Church
Schenectady, in the evening.

Clothing is now being
Europe by our commission
Frank D. Lombar has been
ing in his efforts to lay a
stantial foundation for this
important project. There is
need of a considerable amou
funds before we can "strike
stride." Read about it else
in this issue.

Honolulu Youth For Chri

HONOLULU, March 13—Y
for Christ has been launched
the McKinley High School
an average attendance of 200

The rally here is different
any other Youth for Christ
in that the audience is "mix
with Chinese, Koreans, Haw
Japanese, Filipinos, and
others. One of the speakers
Dawson Trottman, founder of
Navigator movement.

Acting director is Com
Keur, U. S. N. R., formerly
radio station WMBI in Ch
and choir director at the
West Bible Church of which
rey M. Johnson is the pastor.

Revival Service In Brighton Churc

BRIGHTON, Mass., March 1
successful two weeks
Crusade and Preaching
was reecntly held in the
Square Methodist Ep
Church in Brighton, Mass.
meetings were under the dir
of Evangelist Ernest Lyman
who recently answered the
pastor of the Oak Square
At the Wednesday evening
ices the preaching was don
Mrs. Laura Roe Mills. Every
ning an old-fashioned
song service was led by
K. Mercer, Jr., of Gordon C
and the Baptist Servicemen's
ter in Tremont Temple.

The meetings were marked
new decisions for Christ as
as those who gave themsel
a deeper consecration to the
Jesus Christ and His Church

Do the members of your
know the National Associatio
Evangelicals? See that every
of them has information
National Evangelical Week,
15—22.

An Editorial Reprinted by request from February 15th issue of UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION.

Are Networks Giving The Gospel A Fair Deal?

Religious broadcasters are facing a crisis in which there is need of frankness and willingness to co-operate on the part of all concerned. A review of the situation may be enlightening to the general public.

The air channels of this country are the property of its citizens, not of the broadcasting companies. It is the obligation of every broadcasting corporation to which a wave length has been assigned to use its channel for the public interest, convenience and necessity. A part of that obligation is to make its facilities available for moral and spiritual instruction.

We believe that, generally speaking, the stations and networks have desired to serve the public in this respect in a manner which would be fair to all interests. It must be recognized, however, that in a country where there are approximately 260 denominations and numberless cults, the equitable assignment of time constitutes a major problem — probably the most difficult one with which the networks have to deal.

It is not surprising that inequalities exist or that practices have been instituted which have aroused widespread dissatisfaction. Broadcasting is a new art. Much is yet to be learned, both by the stations and the sponsors of broadcasts.

The growing appreciation of the value of broadcasting as a means of propagating religion has resulted in a mounting flood of appeals to the stations and networks for time. Obviously it is impossible to grant time to every organization. Several years ago the networks decided that a solution might be found by making arrangements for religious programs with central agencies representing the major faiths of the nation rather than by attempting to satisfy the requests of individual denominations or churches.

The method of handling Catholic and Jewish broadcasts is not our particular concern. The problem presented by these groups is much less involved than that of the Protestants.

Because the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has been, until recently, the only central organization representative of Protestant bodies, the networks naturally turned to it for assistance in arranging Protestant broadcasts. There is no evidence that the Federal Council, in the beginning, sought a monopoly of the free time available for these broadcasts, or that the networks desired to exclude the 235 denominations not in the Federal Council (which has but 25 denominations in its membership). But the net result of the system now in effect is that the Federal Council does have such a monopoly and shows a disposition to fight for its continuance.

If the 235 denominations outside the Council get little consideration, it is largely their own fault for failing to reach some agreement among themselves whereby they could be represented in such matters. It is this very situation (in a number of fields of Christian interest) which gave rise to the National Association of Evangelicals.

Because each of the four major networks has a different system of handling Protestant broadcasts, a summary of these will assist in clarifying the situation.

The National Broadcasting Company assigns its time exclusively through the Federal Council.

The Blue Network assigns its time principally through the Federal Council, but grants a limited amount also to other organizations and individuals of its own choosing.

Mutual gives its sustaining time to the Federal Council but sells time, between 8 A.M. and 1 P.M. on Sundays only, to other organizations.

Columbia has a committee known as the National Board of Consultants of the Columbia Church of the Air, composed of seven Protestants (all from denominations in the Federal Council), two Catholics, one Mormon, one Jew, and one Christian Scientist. These select the speakers heard over that network. They sometimes, but very infrequently, select Protestant speakers from denominations not in the Federal Council.

This, of course, adds up to the virtual control by the Federal Council of sustaining time for Protestant broadcasts on all the major networks. For this we feel less inclined to blame either the networks or the Federal Council than the 235 denominations outside the Council which failed for so long to establish a central agency through which such important matters could be cleared. We are convinced that the networks are, in all cases, ready to treat these denominations equitably when any considerable number of them agree to representation by a qualified spokesman.

Thus far we have discussed sustaining or free time only. A far more important matter is the right of responsible religious groups to purchase time. This right is denied by all the major networks except Mutual, which sells time under the following restrictions:

1. No program shall be allowed more than 30 minutes of time.
2. No time shall be sold except on Sunday before 1 P.M.
3. There shall be no solicitation of funds.

The policy of the other major networks in refusing to sell time and of Mutual in adopting these three restrictions constitute a discrimination against religion to which other types or classes of programs are not subject. We believe they are against public interest, convenience and necessity, and should be discontinued.

Time should be sold within reasonable limitations because the networks and stations are not likely to provide sufficient sustaining time to satisfy the reasonable demands of minority groups and the listening public; also, because some of these programs are better and have a wider appeal than the sustaining features.

The time allowed for an individual program should not be limited to 30 minutes unless the ruling is made general for all other types and classes of programs.

The segregation of religious programs to the earlier hours of the Lord's Day is offensive to millions of Christians who believe that this day should be primarily a day of worship and meditation upon spiritual values rather than a day of exploitation, commerce and cheap vaudeville.

A dignified statement to the effect that the program is not sustaining and that gifts for its maintenance are acceptable is only just. Otherwise the listeners are left with the impression that the program is not in need of support. The principal reason for the furore over this matter, in our opinion, is the fact that few paid programs could possibly exist without financial assistance from the listeners, and that certain organizations have a settled determination to make it impossible for presentations to continue which they do not control or sponsor.

We believe a continuation of the policy of granting free time to central agencies and a return to the policy of selling time to responsible organizations and minority groups under reasonable restrictions will bring a much more satisfactory relationship between the broadcasting companies and the religious broadcasters. If an agreement can be reached by negotiation between the interested parties, so much the better. If not, legislation to end discrimination against religion on the air seems to be the only recourse.

J. ELWIN WRIGHT.

New Mexico Legislature Gets Religious Education Bill

SANTA FE, N. M., March 10 (RNS)—A bill to provide for voluntary religious instruction in the public schools has been introduced in the New Mexico state legislature.

Under its terms the county and municipal boards of education would provide for release of any public school pupil, for a period not to exceed two hours per week to receive religious instruction in the school under auspices of a religious organization approved by the parents.

David Nygren Speaker In Pawtucket Campaign

PAWTUCKET, R. I., March 12—Rev. David F. Nygren, pastor of the Friendship Street Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., is assisting Rev. Walter Byron Greene of the Woodlawn Baptist Church, Pawtucket, in a series of revival meetings, Feb. 25-March 11. Mrs. Nygren directs the singing. Miss Mary Caroll of the Providence Bible Institute has charge of boys and girls meetings. Prior to taking up the work with The Friendship Street Baptist Church in Providence, Mr. Nygren was engaged exclusively in evangelist work, and is known nationally and internationally.

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BOOK REVIEWS

By Charles G. E. Chilton

The Song Of Songs

By
M. M. B.

Some of us have formed the habit of shying away from works based upon "The Song of Songs" because of the disappointment often experienced from their perusal. We get the impression that the author is walking in unfamiliar territory and is moving like a man who does not know the way. Sometimes, too, there is a sentimental coloring that sits ill upon the sacred page until we feel that we have too much of the love story as divorced from the Christ-story.

In approaching this book any writer is stepping upon difficult terrain, and apart from the Holy Spirit (the author of the book) he can never find his way.

This writer from the first inspires us with a feeling of confidence as we follow him through these pages. Along with some other writers he makes "The Love of Christ For His Own" the subject of "The Song of Songs," but the development of the theme comes in terms of a clear and convincing exposition of Canticles. At all times we find our feet upon solid ground, and such is the clarity of thought and expression that we do not find ourselves stumbling along he way.

In colorful and yet correct language the writer makes us to see that Canticles never passes beyond the strict bounds of the Gospel. 11 Cor. 11:2—"For I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ." The fact that the writer never passes beyond these bounds makes his work a reliable guide, and one that comes as a fruitful source of comfort and blessing.

Here we have color with correctness; beauty with basis; vividness with veracity and description with discretion. As we move into this Love Story we "See no man save Jesus only."

On nearly every page there is that to delight the eye and satisfy the heart. The Scriptural associations are almost breathtaking, and the descriptions are nothing less than blessed.

Here is a refreshing draft from this well of living water: "Thy name is oil poured forth." "Poured forth," are the very words used to describe the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost upon those who are already disciples. Acts 2: 17, 18,, 33.

"While every child of God is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, only the yielded Christian has the 'poured forth' blessing."

The lay-preacher and the minister alike will find this book a vertiable seed-plot for future sermons and addresses. Here is a germinal development: "The little foxes—spoil the vines." Not roaring lines, but little foxes. "A little spring of blossoms so tiny as scarcely to be perceived, is easily spoiled and the fruit of the whole branch is destroyed. Little compromises with the world, disobedience to the still small voice in LITTLE things, LITTLE indulgences of the flesh, LITTLE strokes of policy, LITTLE questionings, LITTLE doubts, a little carelessness and prayer is crippled, the Word of God is neglected, or hurried over for lack of time, a LITTLE envy, a LITTLE gossip, 'Little foxes.'" "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

We cannot find space to set forth the desirable features, and the strong elements in this book. It must be read to be appreciated.

This work will (for many a reader) rescue "The Song of Songs" from oblivion, and supply fresh and living water from a neglected spring.

(Published by Bethany House, 845 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh 12, Pa., 164 pages,and distributed by Pittsburgh Bible and Tract House 422, Bessemer Building, Pittsburgh 22, Penna.)

NOT ALL THAT GLITTERS

by Louise Harrison McCraw

This is Christian fiction at its best. We have just finished reading "Not All That Glitters," and because of a prejudice against the modern novel, (even the professedly Christian novel) we set out in a very critical mood. Authors of so-called Christian fiction have a way of introducing us into a very artificial world, and in consequence throw around us soft trappings, the creation of sloppy and sentimental minds, but we find nothing of this nature here, nor do we find the leading character the heir of millions or marrying into great wealth.

This author takes her characters from real life. They are the kind of folks that we meet on Main Street, for as in common life, we discover the false and the true, the glitter and the gold, yes, and just as in the common every-day world, we are hard put to distinguish the one from the other, so here we are almost deceived by the glitter and are in danger of losing the gold.

To find how successfully this writer portrays the glitter, and with what masterly strokes she paints the gold will explain in part the strength of this work.

All the arts of good fiction meet in this book, including the element of suspense, but in the exercise of these arts the writer never allows herself to stray from the pathway of real life.

This is the kind of reading that any Sunday School teacher would desire to recommend to her scholars, for it sets forth the working of the Gospel in common life.

Louise McCraw writes with a purpose, that of setting before youth the difference between the tinsel and the true, and that in a style that holds the reader from start to finish. There is not a dull page in the whole book, and the only weak spot associated with this work is connected with the thought that the dishes may be left in the kitchen sink, or the home-work may be neglected until the last page of this fascinating story is read.

(Published by Fleming T. Revell Company, 159 pages, Price $1.25)

The Christ Of John's Gospel

By Oswald J. Smith, Litt.D.

The last of a series of messages on John's Gospel

(Continued)

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of God," said Martha (11:27). And He proved it right there and then by saying "Lazarus, come forth, and he that was dead came forth." What power! "The people therefore that was with Him when He called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record" (12:17). Yes, and "many believed on Him" (11:45). Can you doubt Him?

"These things were written of Him," explains John (12:16).

"He was come from God, and went to God" (13:3). Not from Mary but from God. Before He came He was with God. When He left He returned to God.

"The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice," said Jesus to Peter (13:38). How did He know? Tell me, if you can, what will happen before the cock crows three times. Was He not God? How then could He predict as He did?

"In my Father's house are many mansions" (14:2). Another revelation. Something no one else knew. How did Jesus know? He knew because He had been there before His birth. Heaven was His home.

He knew, too, that He would come again (14:3). And He knew that the Comforter would come (14:26). How, I ask again? Would He have known had He been but a man?

In verses 9 to 11 of chapter 14, He clearly identified Himself with God. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father. I am in the Father and the Father in Me." What do you make of that? Could I say it? Could you?

"I go my way to Him that sent me" (16:5). No uncertainty. He was on His way home and He knew it. How, I ask? "I go to the Father (16:16). "I will see you again" (16:22). What confidence!

"I came forth from the Father: again, I go to the Father" (16:28). Did He come from Joseph? No, from God. From God He came, and to God He went. Who was He, then?

"The glory which I had with Thee before the world was" (17:5). Now what have you to say? What a picture! The home-sick Christ, longing to get back. Before the world was created He was with the Father. Together they shared the glory. He remembered. Was He man? Impossible. If He was, then let us relegate John's Gospel to the scrap heap, for it is a lie, a forgery from beginning to end. But you know it is not. It is true. Christ was God. "No man ever spake like this man."

"I came from Thee. Thou didst send me" (17:8).

"I will that they be with me: that they may behold my glory (17:24). He knew where He was going. Death was not to be the end. The cross would be but the door to His Father's home. There, too, His disciples would be. He wanted them to behold His glory. Was He man? Could man have spoken as He did?

"Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him" (17:4). Do you? Do I? Can mortal man know what is to befall him? I trow not. But He did. Jesus knew. Then who was He, man or God?

In Him were the Scriptures fulfilled. They parted His rainment but they cast lots for His vesture and rent it not (19:24). Why? Because in Ps. 22:18, it was so predicted.

No bone of His was broken (19:36). Why? Because in Ps. 34:20 it was prophecied thus. They broke the legs of both the thieves. Why not His? Only one answer. He was the Messiah, the anointed Son of God, by the prophets foretold.

Following His resurrection He appears to Mary and His disciples. Why not to the crowds? If a novelist had been writing the story, he would have had Him confound His enemies. Is it then friction? As a matter of fact His followers were afraid (20:19). Had He not appeared the story would have died with them.

"My Lord and my God" (20:28). That was the verdict of doubting Thomas. How thoroughly he was convinced! He realized at last that Jesus was God. It was the appearance of Christ in that very same body, the body still bearing the mark of the spear thrust, that settled it for Thomas.

Jesus prophesied that Peter would be martyred (21:18-19). How did He know that? Only God knows the future. He knew because He was God.

In chapter 20, verse 31, John states that his second purpose in writing is that those who believe may have life. Do you now believe that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (20:31). Well then, believing, will you accept Him as your personal Saviour, if you have not already done so? If you do, you will have life, eternal life. Then you will exclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

"Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name" (20:30-31).

Baptist Schools Raise More Than Four Millions

NEW YORK, March 10 (RNS)—More than $4,000,000 has been raised by 39 Baptist related schools, colleges, and seminaries in the Northern Baptist Convention's New Development Program which was launched May 1, 1943 it was revealed here by Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, executive secretary of the denomination's Board of Education.

Funds obtained by the institutions will be used to erect chapels dormitories, administration buildings, libraries, science laboratories, and gymnasium units after the war, and to strengthen their fiancial structure through debt reduction and increased endowment.

By conducting their campaigns in accord with recommendations of public relations and fund-raising surveys sponsored by the Board of Education, several schools exceeded their goals, Dr Smith said. While the New Development Program will conclude this year, nearly all the institutions have announced long-range fund-raising and public relations objectives resulting from the momentum of the present campaign.

Protestant Pastors In Athens Reported Safe

EDINBURGH (By Wireless) March 8 (RNS)—Protestant pastors in Athens escaped injury or capture during the Civil War in Greece, although both the First and Second Church there were superficially damaged in crossfire of Elas and British troops, according to a Scottish chaplain who has just arrived here.

Dr. Demetrios Kalopathakes superintendent of four parishes of Greek Protestants near Athens and the Rev. Michel Kyriakakis were both reported safe, but the chaplain said they were having a hard struggle with inflation and the scarcity of food and clothing.

The chaplain also revealed that Dr. Kalopatakes was attempting to revive the only Protestant publication in Athens.

Allied chaplains, he said, were warmly welcomed in all Protestant and Orthodox churches, and one British chaplain preached a sermon through an interpreter in Salonika. Churches in Janina and Volos are without pastors, and there is difficulty in supplying even trained lay readers. The pastor at Janina was twice imprisoned in a concentration camp under Italian rule and his present whereabouts is unknown. The church at Piraeus, he added, has been heavily damaged and must be completely rebuilt.

The son of Pastor Kyrakakis is seeking a Scottish scholarship to continue his studies as a theological student.

Tenn. Legislature Defeats Move Against C.O.'s

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March (RNS)—A move to prevent Tennessee's conscientious objectors from ever teaching in public schools, holding a state job, or practicing any profession was overwhelmingly defeated in the House of Representatives here.

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Associated Church Press Convention Set April 3, 4 and 5

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 9 (RNS)—Officers of the Associated Church Press have decided to go ahead with plans for the annual convention of Protestant editors, and the three-day session will be held at Philadelphia. April 3, 4 and 5, it was announced here by Bernard J. Mulder, president of the organization.

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hurch Council Secretary Protests lleged Discrimination Against eligious Conferences

DURHAM, N. C., Mar. 11 (RNS) e Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, ex-cutive secretary of the North rolina Council of Churches, has otested what he terms the "Govnment's act of discrimination its order governing conferences d conventions which specificly allows athletic events, but ry definitely limits, curtails and en forbids the holding of regious conferences."

"As a result of the Government der," he said, "there has been ring the last month, a cancellan of more than a score of imrtant religious conferences fecting every phase of religious e. Yet, on the other hand, Raigh, on Feb. 22-24 plays host to e Southern Conference Basketll Tournament, and from good thority I learned that fully 00 people are expected to atnd.

"When the Government issued order restricting the holding conventions in January the igious leaders of this state and oss the nation were among the t to comply in every way posle. Our own North Carolina uncil of Churches contacted vernment officials in Washing, and as a result of these conences decided to cancel for the d time our annual Convoca of Churches.

"I, personally, took it upon my to discourage the holding of igious conferences, institutes , that were not classed as abtely essential in the opinion their respective denominations. of this was done in the belief t we were doing the most pac thing possible.

Now, when we have cancelled conventions and conferences cut to the very bone our reous program, we have it said s by the director of the Rail Transport Department of the ODT in Washington that 'The committee appointed to pass on applications to hold conventions did not, at this time, think it advisable to include athletic events in the category of conventions . . . these affairs might help the travel situation by keeping the public at home.' Since when did basketball tournament and other such regional and national events keep people at home?

"My protest is not over the fact that a basketball tournament is being held, or that hundreds of other such events are going on all over the country, but my protest is over the fact that the Government through the ODT, in setting itself up as a judge to determine what is and is not important, has decreed that athletics should have a priority, while the church is less essential. Today there are too many broken hearts and weary souls for us to say that a basketball tournament takes precedence over the ministry of the church."

C. Norman Bartlett At M. B. I.

NEW YORK, March 8 — Announcement was recently made that Dr. C. Norman Bartlett has accepted a teaching position at Moody Bible Institute. Dr. Bartlett has been in a similar position at National Bible Institute of New York for the past eight years.

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Maryland Assoc. Holds Monthly Meeting

BALTIMORE, Md, March 9— The Maryland Association of Evangelicals held its monthly meeting in the Hampden Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland on Friday, February 23: it took the form of a Conference on Evangelism. There were three sessions which met at 4, 6 and 8 o'clock respectively.

The Rev. Melville G. Hatcher Secretary for Evangelism spoke in the afternoon. His topic was "The Church of Jesus Christ on the Offensive." Following this there was a brief discussional period, closing with a season of prayer. About forty were present.

Dr. John W. Bradbury, Editor of the Watchman Examiner was a guest of this gathering and brought a masterful and soulstirring address on the subject: "Issues Confronting American Protestantism." Dr. Bradbury is a member of the Board of Administration of the N.A.E.

The Rev. Earl Hoxter, Corresponding Secretary of the Association reported 135 ministers and 345 laymen as members.

Among the encouraging features of this Association is the evident growth of interest, which is expected to express itself in a far-reaching ministry that shall touch the whole State.

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Is America On The Road To Ruin?

Excerpt of address delivered by Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, and former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., to the Ministers and Christian workers of Allegheny County at Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Monday, February 5.

"America can win the war and yet lose its own soul. A nation is losing its soul when it is losing its religion and when its youth are sinking into crime. 'Where the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.'

So declared Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, in his address, "Is America on the Road to Ruin?", delivered to the ministers and Christian workers of Allegheny County, yesterday (Monday, February 5) at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Pittsburgh.

"No one can question," said Dr. Macartney, "that the moral and religious pillars of American life are being fiercely attacked and dangerously shaken. The Protestant Churches over a period of years show little growth in membership, and, as a rule, the older and larger the churches the less the growth. Over a period 1934-1943 only five churches, and all but one of them very small bodies, out of all the Protestant denominations, show an increase in Sunday School enrollment. Nearly all others show an appalling decrease, for some of the churches as high as 20 percent. This downward trend has been accelerated, of course, by war conditions; but the ebb-tide was running strong long before the war. For the country at large, the International Sunday School Council estimates the loss in Sunday School attendance at 4,000,000.

"Among the contributory causes for this alarming and lamentable decline are: the increasing secularization of the Sabbath Day; the disloyalty of so large a proportion of Protestants to the ordinance of Public Worship; the sweep of the Moving Picture business, with 75,000,000 in attendance every week; and in the Church itself the substitution of a general, social and international preaching for the personal and individual message of Redemption and Salvation. As Norman Thomas, the several times Socialist candidate for President, and formerly a Presbyterian Minister put it: 'No church justifies itself by becoming a forum. For the minister a social conscience and some humanitarian enthusiasm are no substitute for a living message about a God whose love and power he has found not only his peace, but also his ground of hope for the victory of the Kingdom of God and peace for all mankind.'

"Protestantism today is more severed and disunited than it was fifty years ago. This is due to teaching and preaching of views of the Bible which have undermined the faith of many in the Word of God. The real problem in Protestantism is not how to get Presbyterians and Episcopalians to unite in one body, or how to bring other churches into an ecclesiastical union, but to get the members and ministers of these churches themselves to come to an agreement as to the cardinal doctrines and grand particularities of the Christian Faith. Thus it is that in this dangerous and critical hour, the Protestant Church stands bleeding externally and internally from the ghastly wound inflicted in its side by the traitorous lance of those who belong to its own house.

"Curiously enough, together with the decline in the Protestant Church of personal, doctrinal, and redemptive preaching and teaching, there has gone an ever rising tide of ritualism, the increasing display of the Cross in the furniture and the architecture of the church, and the decreasing display of it in the pulpit of the church.

"What are the conditions in the nation which the Protestant Church confronts at this time? One is, the apparent disintegration of the American home. In Allegheny County for 1944 there were 9,981 marriages and in the same year 3,637 applications for divorce. In other words, the applications for divorce were 36% of the number of marriages, or well over a third as many applications for divorce as there were marriages. From these broken homes come the majority of our juvenile criminals. The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation show an appalling increase in crime, particularly in the brackets of youth. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation says that a major crime is committed in the United States every twenty-two seconds, more than 1,300,000 every year and that the largest criminal group is made up of boys and girls eighteen years of age. In the World War thus far 150,000 American young men have been killed in action; but in the last ten years in America over 100,000 American citizens have been murdered. We have an army of 4,300,000 active criminals, about equal to the population of Scotland. Our national crime bill is $15,000,000,000 every year, or $111.10 for every man, woman and child in the country.

"'It pays to advertise!' The liquor interests know that. The result is that our drink bill for 1944 was $7,000,000,000, or $54.00 for every man, woman and child in the country!

"The head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation attributes the alarming increase in crime especially among youth, to the lack of conscience, and says that that in turn comes from a lack of religious training. 'When men, he says, 'do not know God or His justice, they do not respect His laws. The way to make America safe from crime is a return to religion.'

"What can the righteous do when the foundations are being destroyed? What can the Church do? Shall we remain inactive in our safe retreats, and utter the plaintive sigh, 'After us the deluge!' Or shall we arise and build the walls of Jerusalem? Shall we call upon the name of God, and 'strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die'?"

New Name Rejected By Missouri Lutheran Synod

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 15 — (RNS) — Congregations of the Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States have rejected the name "The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod," which was approved at the 39th triennial convention of the denomination at Saginaw, Mich., last June, it was announced at denominational headquarters here.

Under the Synod's constitution, two-thirds of the church congregations must approve adoption of a new name, and it will now be necessary for the next convention in 1947 to consider further recommendations.

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